

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

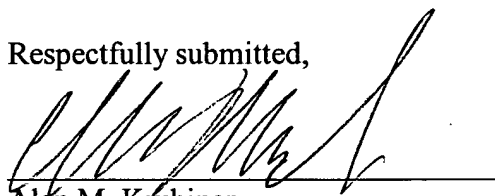
Reconsideration of this Application and entry of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, Applicant submits herewith a clean version of the Abstract on a separate sheet, starting on page eight of this response.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant believes all the pending claims are in condition for allowance and should be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would in any way expedite the prosecution of the application, please do not hesitate to call the undersigned at telephone (707) 543-5021.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan M. Krubiner', is written over a horizontal line.

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